

## NEWS OF THE LODGES.

## WHAT IS GOING ON AMONG THE SE-CRET FRATERNITIES.

**The Remarkable Record of Columbia Commandery—More Masonic Elections—Activity Among the Odd Fellows—Notes From Golden Cross and Independent Mechanics.**

The following Masonic bodies meet upon the evenings of the ensuing week:

**Subordinate Lodges.**—Masonic Temple—Benjamin B. French No. 15, Monday, 21st; Pentalfa No. 23, Monday, 21st; Federal No. 1, Tuesday, 22d; New Jerusalem No. 9, Thursday, 24th; St. John's No. 11, Friday, 25th; Grand Lodge, Saturday, 26th.

A. A. S. R. Sanctuary, 1007 G street—Acacia No. 18, Tuesday, 22d.

Masonic Hall, Georgetown—Potomac No. 5, Monday, 21st.

Masonic Hall, Anacostia—Anacostia No. 21, Monday, 21st.

**Royal Arch Chapters.**—Masonic Temple—Washington No. 2, Thursday, 24th; Eureka No. 4, Friday, 25th.

Masonic Hall, Georgetown—Potomac No. 8, Tuesday, 22d.

**Commanderies Knights Templar.**—Masonic Temple—De Molay No. 4, Tuesday, 22d; Washington No. 1, Wednesday, 23d.

**Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.**—Sanctuary 1007 G street—Robert de Bruce Council Kadosh, Tuesday, 22d.

Hope Lodge No. 20 will not hold a communication on Friday evening as the date falls upon Christmas night.

Harmony Lodge No. 17 has dispensed with the meeting of Thursday evening.

Monday evening the following officers were elected in Dawson Lodge No. 16: W. H. Thompson, W. M.; Jesse F. Grant, S. W.; A. C. Jenkins, J. W.; J. F. Locombe, Jr., Secretary; Robert Ball, Treasurer; F. A. Sebring, S. D.; C. F. King, J. D.; George R. Thompson, S. S.; H. W. Gorman, J. S.; L. Stoddard, Tyler; John N. Birchhead, member; Board Relief and representative to St. John's Mite Society; James H. Trimble, proxy to Grand Lodge.

The election in Hope Lodge No. 20 resulted as follows: Charles I. Snooks, W. M.; W. A. Cahill, S. W.; C. W. Henshaw, J. W.; William A. Craig, Secretary; R. Beresford, Treasurer; Paul Newhaus, S. D.; and W. T. Greenfield, J. D.

George C. Whiting Lodge No. 22 has dispensed with the communication of Thursday, the 24th instant.

The report of the election in Federal Lodge No. 1 in a local paper was incorrect. Past Grand Master R. B. Donaldson having been elected trustee of the life membership fund and delegate to the St. John's Mite Association.

Pentalfa Lodge No. 23 will confer the 2d degree Monday evening.

The following officers of Ostris Lodge No. 26 were installed December 16: W. M., A. M. Lambeth; S. W., W. H. Barstow; J. W., C. A. Riddle; Secretary, Fred E. Tasker; Treasurer, W. G. Burns; Marshal, E. L. Robinson; S. D., B. G. Cowell; J. D., J. G. Cohen; S. S., H. P. Jerrill; J. S., R. M. Elliott.

The election of Arminius Lodge No. 25 Monday evening resulted as follows: Louis Goldschmidt, W. M., (re-elected); John Melners, S. W.; Morris Glaser, J. W.; H. H. Gerdes, Secretary; H. T. Reis, Treasurer; Jacob Ochs, delegate to Board of Relief, and Louis Goldschmidt, delegate to St. John's Mite.

The election in Stansbury Lodge No. 24 Monday evening resulted as follows: Thomas Calver, W. M.; A. L. Keene, S. W.; F. L. Summy, J. W.; W. E. Nalley, Secretary, seventh term; G. W. Bullock, Treasurer, seventeenth term, traversed the hot sands of the desert, and they were very warm.

Columbia Commandery will always point with pride to the administration of Sir John K. Robinson. The following list speaks for itself and is without a parallel in the history of the commandery: Knighted (100)—Thomas M. Arrington, Robert J. Austin, H. O. Bailey, William H. Barstow, William H. Baum, A. S. Belote, John F. Blackmar, John B. Blair, Benjamin Biethyn, Mark D. Brainard, William Briggs, Sherman J. Brown, L. N. Charles, Charles C. Cole, George H. Cooke, William H. Covington, Frank E. Crippen, Francis M. Criswell, John Hulle Davis, John A. Diehl, William H. Dunn, Robert A. Etty, Henry Evans, John H. Fimple, P. C. Garden, George L. Gibbs, Thomas W. Glimmer, Lurtin R. Ginn, Harvey Given, Joseph M. Grady, Harry A. Grammes, Willis G. Haldeman, William E. Handy, George Y. Hansell, Theo. A. Harding, Oliver J. Hart, Jr., Samuel B. Hege, Charles W. Henshaw, T. F. Hensley, G. R. Herbert, Thomas F. Hering, Frank N. Hobbs, John G. Hodges, Granville M. Hunt, Ernest R. Hunting, Charles S. Hyer, Joseph C. Johnson, Herbert N. Keene, Claude A. Killmon, William A. Kimmel, Walter H. Klopfer, John H. Lane, Howard Lacombe, Clarence Lewis, George W. Lewis, Carvallis M. Lipp, Horace J. Long, Thomas H. Lynch, John A. McDonald, William Sterling McGinnis, William McNeil, Charles W. Macune, Thomas R. Marshall, James B. May, Charles F. Montgomery, William J. Murray, William H. Myers, William A. Peacock, George O. Preston, Charles H. Reiter, Edward E. Richer, Edward W. Robinson, James S. Roy, William I. Schneider, W. Keely Schoepf, James H. Schooley, William Sent, Elias M. Sheets, John Slater Sherry, Ernest L. Shepard, G. W. Siggers, Charles Albert Small, H. B. Smith, J. George Smith, William Hamilton Smith, Armat Stoddard, Fred E. Tasker, A. W. Van Dorston, William A. Vaughn, Alfred A. Walker, Francis M. Walker, Humphrey E. Walker, David S. Walton, Martin V. Webb, Edward W. Whitaker, William E. Williams, F. H. Wilson, Martin D. Wires, Henry J. Wyllie, Charles G. Zange, Affiliated—J. C. Addison (petitioned), Charles F. Batley, Charles W. Brown, David O. Floyd, August Helmer (petitioned), Austin Holcomb, Walter H. Overacker, William J. Pollock.

**Personals.**—Companion John H. Pickell has begun his twenty-second year as Secretary of Mount Vernon Chapter No. 3. His personal appearance indicates that he received his degrees at an early age. Brother J. J. Little was re-elected for the twenty-first time as Secretary of Acacia Lodge No. 18. Notwithstanding the fact that these figures appear veteran like, he is still regarded by the members of his lodge as one of the boys with large possibilities still before him. It seems im-

possible for Companion E. J. Bernhard to sever his connection with Masonic offices, as Washington Chapter has decided that he must serve another year as High Priest. Companion J. H. Wardle, High Priest of Mount Vernon Chapter No. 3, has opened his administration with characteristic energy and success. A year of rest from the cares and responsibilities of the presiding officer's chair has simply served to sharpen his intellect and develop the bustling abilities of his disposition. It is early for predictions, but Mount Vernon will have a wonderful year. The address of Brother J. A. Runyan, Worshipful Master of Acacia Lodge No. 18, is 163 Massachusetts avenue northeast. Harmony Lodge No. 17 has one of the ablest boards of trustees in the jurisdiction. Past Masters George E. Carson, William H. Webster, and Lorin M. Saunders. Stephen F. Gill, of National Lodge No. 12, is another of the re-elected Secretaries. His lodge books and records are among the most accurate and complete in the city. The report of the finance committee of St. John's Mite Association proved that organization to be in excellent condition. Brother Lurtin R. Ginn, the retiring Master of Harmony Lodge No. 17, was unanimously re-elected as the delegate of that lodge to the Masonic Board of Relief, of which organization he is the most efficient Secretary, being deeply interested in the work of Masonic charity. Noble A. W. Johnston, who last year held the office of Oriental Guide of Almas Temple, refused further advancement at the election recently held, the duties of his other Masonic offices completely taking up his time. The genial Secretary of New Jerusalem Lodge No. 9 was again re-elected this year. Companion Thomas F. Gibbs, who last year held the office of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, has the honor this year of presiding over another supreme body, the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the District of Columbia. Brother Henry S. Merrill is the Secretary of the largest Masonic body in the jurisdiction, La Fayette Lodge No. 19. Prior to his election as Worshipful Master he held this office for a number of years and is fully acquainted with its manifold duties. Companion F. W. Storch, the Georgetown historian, has received a deserved re-election to all his secretarieships. George S. King, Worshipful Master of Columbia Lodge No. 3, was honored with a re-election. F. M. Criswell, the newly elected Worshipful Master of Harmony Lodge No. 17, is one of the most popular members of that body. He will make a careful and painstaking Master, and has the success of his lodge deeply at heart. W. P. H. Crews, the veteran Secretary of Pentalfa Lodge No. 23, was re-elected. Leonard C. Wood retires from the circle of High Priests to assume the duties of Worshipful Master of La Fayette Lodge No. 19 and Sublime Potentate of Almas Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.

## Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Following in the footsteps of the Grand Visitations, Metropolis Lodge has mapped out a line of action for the new year, commendable in the extreme. This Lodge has arranged to visit in a body during the months of January and February every subordinate lodge in the jurisdiction. The first of these visits has been arranged to Union Lodge No. 11, on Monday, January 4. The remaining visitations will take place in the following order: Columbia, Thursday, January 7; Washington, Tuesday, January 12; Central, Friday, January 15; Beacon, Monday, January 18; Friendship, Thursday, January 21; Golden Rule, Tuesday, January 25; Eastern, Friday, January 29; Covenant, Thursday, February 4; Excelsior, Monday, February 8; Federal City, Thursday, February 11; Mechanics, Friday, February 19; Harmony, Monday, February 22, and Oriental, Thursday, February 25.

On Friday, December 4, the officers of the Grand Lodge paid their semi-annual grand visitation to Eastern Lodge No. 7 at Odd Fellows' Hall, Seventh street northwest. The exemplification of the secret work by the officers of the lodge was fine, the Vice Grand being particularly well posted and received the commendation of the Grand Officers.

Washington Lodge No. 6, Columbian Encampment No. 1, and Naomi Rebekah Lodge have under consideration a united memorial service to the memory of the late Oliver Dufour, P. G. M. A committee has been appointed to make arrangements for the ceremony, which will take place about the 16th of February.

In Virginia Odd-Fellowship seems to have taken new life under its present energetic and popular Grand Officers. On Monday, December 14, the Grand Master of said jurisdiction, C. C. Wheat, and Deputy Grand Master D. R. Stansbury, of Alexandria, instituted a new lodge at Norfolk.

On Monday evening Federal City Lodge No. 20 visited Beacon Lodge No. 15 and conferred the 2d degree. There was an unusually large attendance, representing many of the lodges in the city. The team of No. 20 did the degree work in an excellent manner. After a brief recess there were addresses by Deputy Grand Master B. F. Crawshaw, Grand Representative F. A. Siders, Past Grand Masters Theo. F. Kinney, J. H. Daniels, W. H. Frazier, also by Past Grand Burroughs, of Golden Rule Lodge, following which were musical and literary exercises. Then the entire assemblage repaired to the Blue Room, where a sumptuous collation was served under the direction of the committee, consisting of Bros. McEuen, Shane, and Dinsmore. The whole affair was a pronounced success.

Union Lodge No. 11 conferred the degree of Friendship last Monday. The hall was filled. All present were pleased with the manner in which the work was performed by the "team." The members of the degree staff surpassed their previous efforts. On Monday the 21st instant, Union Lodge will confer the degree of Brotherly Love upon two of its members. Laurel Lodge, of Laurel, Md., has requested Union Lodge to confer the 2d degree upon three of its 1st degree members at the same time, and it is expected that Laurel Lodge will be present in a body on that occasion.

The Grand Lodge will hold its semi-annual session next month when it is expected several important questions will come before it.

The selection of officers takes place in the various lodges this month for the ensuing term commencing with January.

**I. O. O. F. Briefs.**—Mageneou Encampment No. 4 will hold its meeting on Wednesday of this week, in place of the regular meeting night, which falls upon Christmas. The Royal Purple degree will be exemplified, and patriarchs of other encampments are invited. The regular meeting of Friendship Lodge will be held on Saturday, the 26th instant, in place of Christmas eve. The Grand Master has granted a dispensation for Columbia Lodge No. 10 to give a literary and musical entertainment at National Rifles' Armory on Monday evening, December 21. Some of the finest talent in the city has been secured for the occasion. The proceeds will be dispensed among the widows and orphans of the lodge. Central Lodge No. 1 con-

ferred the Degree of Friendship on last Friday evening. Mechanics Lodge No. 18 has asked for a dispensation to hold a public installation of officers. It is proposed to have the ceremonies take place on January 8, and to be followed by a musical and literary entertainment and supper. Grand Sire Charles M. Busbee is said to be steadily improving. Frank I. Wood, of Beacon Lodge, has been on the sick list the past week.

## Golden Cross Notes.

At the last meeting of Capitol Commandery the degrees were conferred on Mrs. Eliza A. Atkinson. This commandery has gained three new members during the present term, and now numbers ninety-one. The election of officers for the ensuing term will take place on the 26th. Supreme Commander Day has appointed Mrs. Marguerite McCutchen, of this commandery, Deputy Supreme Commander. She is the first lady to receive that honor in this jurisdiction. Goodwill Commandery Monday conferred the 1st and 2d degrees on David G. Proctor and Miss Mary E. Cunningham. The commandery decided to vote on the subject of the union of the Junior and senior classes on the 11th of January. At the next meeting on the 28th officers for the ensuing term will be elected, and the 3d degree conferred on two candidates. This commandery now has 174 members. Anacostia Commandery has elected the following officers for the term beginning January 1, 1892: Noble Commander, A. R. Cator; Vice Noble Commander, Mrs. Mary I. Simonds; Worthy Prelate, Mrs. Carrie M. King; Noble Keeper of Records, James H. Dony; Financial Keeper of Records, D. C. Simons; Treasurer, A. M. Green; Worthy Herald, F. J. Henry; Warden, Inner Gate, Mrs. Mary Wright; Warden Outer Gate, Stephen Simonds; Past Noble Commander, Thomas J. Putnam; Trustees, D. L. Pitcher, H. N. Tolson, and G. W. King; Representative to Grand Commandery, Charles F. Walson; alternate, Stephen Simonds. Mount Vernon Commandery will to-morrow evening elect officers for the ensuing term and confer the degrees on ten candidates. Columbia Commandery on Tuesday evening elects officers for the ensuing term and confers the degrees on two candidates. Grand Commander Ehle will institute a new commandery on Tuesday evening next at Golden Cross Hall, 316 Pennsylvania avenue southeast, with a charter list of fifty members. The degrees will be conferred by officers of the other commanderies, and the occasion will be the most interesting in the history of the order in this jurisdiction. The new commandery will be the tenth in the District of Columbia and the sixth instituted by Grand Commander Ehle since his election to the office of Grand Commander. The new term, commencing January, 1892, will show a membership of the order of over one thousand in the District of Columbia. St. John's Commandery will elect officers on Saturday evening. The degrees will be conferred on two candidates. Halcyon Commandery on Friday evening last elected the following officers: Noble Commander, James W. Loveless; Vice Noble Commander, Mrs. Rosina M. Humphrey; Worthy Prelate, Mrs. Ella C. Meeson; Noble Keeper of Records, Joseph Trainor; Financial Keeper of Records, R. D. Weston; Treasurer, J. S. Sharp; Worthy Herald, John C. Swift; Warden Inner Gate, Mrs. Mary R. Stetson; Warden Outer Gate, Gerhart E. Toepper; Past Noble Commander, W. S. Stetson; Trustees, Andrew H. Stamp, George H. Cline, and Miss Rosina M. Humphrey; Representative to the Grand Commandery, Robert D. Weston; Alternate, Gerhart E. Toepper; Auditing Committee, W. S. Stetson, James W. Loveless, and Mrs. Rosina M. Humphrey.

## Independent Order Mechanics.

The session of Lafayette Lodge No. 13 Thursday night was short, the members desiring to attend the entertainment given by Capital Lodge No. 24, K. of P., at National Rifles' Hall, which proved a success. It is very gratifying to the members of the order to know that Past Supreme Ruler J. M. Richards, of Friendship Lodge No. 7, is out again.

Goodwill Lodge No. 14 held its regular meeting Tuesday night, and was well attended, Worthy Master H. C. Simons in the chair. Nomination of officers next Tuesday night. A good turnout is looked for.

At Capital Lodge No. 11, Friday night, Brother H. Truxell was reported very low. The following nominations for the coming term were made: For Worthy Master, Isaac Benham; Junior Master, F. W. Whitney; Recording Secretary, E. L. Kolb; Financial Secretary, E. H. Bradford; Treasurer, J. W. Thompson; Chaplain, J. H. Schul; Conductor, J. W. King; for Board of Education, Brothers Isaac Benham, F. R. Whitney, and I. A. Gerhart, Grand Architect, R. B. Wilson, and Vice Grand Architect, George W. Berry were present.

## CHAUTAUQUAN REFORM IDEA

**It Will Fail Because Sentiment Cannot Be Formed by Legislation.**  
If we understood in the least, says Ada Bache Cone, a popular fashion writer, the demands which taste makes on dress we should not now be agitating the question of a proper dress for business women. Analogy ought to teach us that the dress suited to a particular kind of labor must be evolved, and cannot be adopted or imposed.

The bloomer costume failed because it was offered for adoption to women who had no use for it. It was not for itself that it was ridiculed, but because it was incongruous with the habits of life of those for whom it was designed. When an unusual garment harmonizes with its environment it is followed by no ridicule; a woman on a battle field in a soldier's dress would not be laughed at. People laugh when they perceive an incongruity.

You cannot adopt a business woman's dress by act of convention or recommendation of committee. If you do, no one but a crank here and there will wear it. Such proceeding is on a par with that enlightenment which would vote for a national flower—if all the sentiment in the idea must not come from the flower having grown out of the old root of some national feeling—that is to say, some racial tradition, which ground for sprouting, we have not yet ploughed. In these matters sentiment must pronounce first, and intelligence coming after may approve, but you cannot produce sentiment by vote. This subject is misapprehended by so many intelligent people that I should reinforce my assertion and will quote Carlyle. Speaking of the constitution which the Constituent Assembly framed for adoption by the French people, Carlyle says: "The set of laws or prescribed habits of acting that men will live under, is the one which images their convictions. Other laws, ready made, are usurpation, which men do not obey, but rebel against and abolish at their earliest convenience."

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